



The Great Lakes - St. Lawrence Seaway System
Le réseau Grands Lacs - Voie maritime du Saint Laurent

SEAWAY RADIO MESSAGE NO. 23 – 2024

Mariners are advised that the Montreal-Lake Ontario and Welland Canal drafts are as outlined in Seaway Notice No. 12 of 2024.

It is important for mariners to note that any vessel which enters the Seaway upbound at CIP2 shall be designated a wintering vessel in accordance with all the terms outlined in Seaway Notice No. 12 of 2024.

In addition, the implementation of the power to length ratio restrictions and minimum draft requirements, scheduled to begin December 7 2024 and December 12 2024, are to be postponed until further notice.

A reminder that all ships must be clear of the MLO Section by 12:00 January 5, 2025. All ships must be clear of the U.S. Locks by 23:59 January 4, 2025. In order to clear the MLO Section by the above dates, the following cut-off times for accepting ships have been established:

- Downbound at Cape Vincent: 06:00 January 4, 2025
- **Upbound at CIP2 has been extended to 05:00 January 4, 2025**

Ships must be clear of the Welland Canal by 12:00 January 10, 2025. In order to clear the Welland Canal by the above date, the following cut-off times for accepting ships have been established:

- Downbound at CIP16: 20:00 January 9, 2025
- Upbound at CIP15: 20:00 January 9, 2025

Ice is rapidly forming in the South Shore Canal. There is ice in between Eisenhower Lock and Snell Lock.

Water temperature at St. Lambert on January 4, is -0.1 degree Celsius. Last year's temperature was 1.2 degree Celsius. The ten years average is 0.3 degree Celsius.

At midnight January 4, the number of ocean vessels above St. Lambert was 5 as compared to 1 in 2023. Above Port Weller the number was 2 as compared to 1 in 2023.

The Prescott/Ogdensburg ice boom opening has been reduced to 600m and is indicated by quick flashing green and red buoys.

All closing procedures outlined in Seaway Notice No. 12 of 2024 remain in effect.

The next radio message will be issued Sunday, January 5, 2025.

The Seaway Control centre will only broadcast critical information on the air.

January 4, 2025